

In December of 1935 a banquet was tendered Mr. Mauney in Kings Mountain at which were present many of the leading business and professional men of Gaston and Cleveland counties. The principal speakers were Governor-Elect Clyde R. Hoey and Federal Judge E. Y. Webb. Mr. Webb paid a splendid tribute to Mr. Mauney as a community builder. He had known him since childhood and extolled his virtues as a business man and as a citizen of constructive leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauney were charter members of St. Matthews Lutheran Church. They were loyal and faithful to the Church. While large contributors to their own church they assisted in the construction of Lutheran churches in Hendersonville, Shelby and other communities. He was not only known as the GRAND OLD MAN of Kings Mountain but also of the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church. He was a large contributor to Lenoir-Rhyne College. He endowed a Jacob Mauney Scholarship Fund which has helped many worthy young people. He was one of the chief contributors to the erection of Mauney Hall, a modern, fireproof home for young women at the college. For over 20 years he was a member of the Board of Trustees and a loyal supporter of the administration of the institution.

Mrs. Mauney learned endurance and hardship as a child during the days of the Civil War and Reconstruction period. She was small of stature and for many years of frail body but she continued a busy and active life to the end. She was of indomitable energy and will power, keenly interested in life, friendly and sociable with all classes and conditions of people, both white and black. She had a veritable passion for being helpful to all who were in need. Her first interest and loyalty was to her church. She was acquainted with all its work and was a generous contributor to all causes at home or abroad. She took an active interest in the growth of the town, in the Public Schools, and in the civic and social betterment of the community. She was commonly spoken of as "the best known and most loved woman of Kings Mountain." Her death came after a brief illness at her home January 27th, 1930. She was at that time 80 years of age and had lived with her husband more than 56 years.

Jacob S. Mauney after his wife's death lived quietly for more than six years at their home in Kings Mountain on North Piedmont Avenue. His death came on November 6, 1936. He was 90 years of age.